FORM 4

## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  HOWELL MARK						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  MANUFACTURED HOME  COMMUNITIES INC [ MHC ]								5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  Director 10% Owner  Officer (give title 2.5. Other (specify)							
(Last) (First) (Middle) TWO NORTH RIVERSIDE PLAZA SUITE 800						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/15/2003									Officer (give title X Other (specify below)  Former Prin. Acct. Officer						
SOITE 600						4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable						
(Street) CHICAGO IL 60606					_									Line)  X Form filed by One Reporting Person  Form filed by More than One Reporting  Person							
(City)	(S	state)	(Zip)												reison	•					
		Tal	ble I - No	on-Deri	vativ	e Se	curitie	es Ac	quired	l, Di	sposed of	f, or Be	nefic	ially	Owned						
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)					action Day/Yea	r) E	2A. Deemed Execution Date, f any (Month/Day/Year)		3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)			Acquired (A) or f (D) (Instr. 3, 4 a		und 5) Securitie Benefici Owned F		es ally Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
									Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D) Price			Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)						
Common	Stock, par	value \$.01		12/15/2003					М		200	A	\$17.5		6,0	6,610		D			
Common	Stock, par	value \$.01		12/15				S		200	D	\$39.13		6,410		D					
Common Stock, par value \$.01			12/15/2003		$\perp$			M		400	A	<u> </u>		6,810		D					
Common	Stock, par	value \$.01		12/15/2003				S		400	D	\$39.13		6,410		D					
Common	Stock, par	value \$.01		12/15/2003		_			M		200	A	\$26.6875		6,610		D				
	Stock, par			12/15/2003		+	ļ		S		200	D	\$39.13		6,410		D				
Common Stock, par value \$.01				12/15/2003		_			M		50	A	\$24.375		6,460		D _				
Common Stock, par value \$.01			12/15/2003		_			S		50	D	\$39.13		6,410			D				
Common Stock, par value \$.01				12/15/2003		_			M		700	A	\$24.375		7,110		D				
Common Stock, par value \$.01				12/15/2003		+			M		1,000	A			+ -			D			
Common Stock, par value \$.01			12/15/2003		$\bot$			S	_	1,000	D	\$39.13		7,110		D					
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Common Stock, par value \$.01														287.48				by 401K Plan			
			Table II								oosed of, convertib				wned						
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Execution (Day/Year) if any		3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any		d 4. Date, Transacti Code (Ins				6. Date Exerc Expiration Da (Month/Day/\		cisable and	7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		- E E	3. Price of Derivative Security Instr. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficia Owned Following Reported Transacti	Ownersh Form: Ully Direct (D or Indirect (I) (Instr.		Beneficial Ownershi (Instr. 4)
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercis	sable	Expiration Date	Title	Amo or Num of Sha	ber	(Instr. 4)						
Non- Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$17.5	12/15/2003			M			200	(2)	)	12/29/2005	Common Stock, par value \$.01	20	00	\$17.5	0		D			
Non- Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$22	12/15/2003			М			400	(3)		12/13/2006	Common Stock, par value \$.01	40	00	\$22	0		D			
Non- Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$23.6875	12/01/1999			A		1,000		(4)		12/01/2009	Common Stock, par value \$.01	1,0	00	\$23.6875	1,000	0	D			

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)															
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr.		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)		
Non- Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$23.6875	12/15/2003		М			1,000	(4)	12/01/2009	Common Stock, par value \$.01	1,000	\$23.6875	0	D	
Non- Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$24.375	12/15/2003		М			50	(5)	12/11/2008	Common Stock, par value \$.01	50	\$24.375	700	D	
Non- Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$24.375	12/15/2003		М			700	(5)	12/11/2008	Common Stock, par value \$.01	700	\$24.375	0	D	
Non- Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$26.6875	12/15/2003		М			200	(6)	12/16/2007	Common Stock, par value \$.01	200	\$26.6875	0	D	

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. Shares reported herein are beneficially owned by The Security Trust Company as Trustee of the Manufactured Home Communities, Inc. Supplemental Employees Retirement Plan for the benefit of the Reporting Person.
- $2. \ Stock \ option \ is \ exercisable: 1/3 \ on \ 12/29/96; 1/3 \ on \ 12/29/97; \ and \ 1/3 \ on \ 12/29/98.$
- 3. Stock option is exercisable: 1/3 on 12/13/97; 1/3 on 12/13/98; and 12/13/99.
- 4. Stock Option is exercisable: 1/3 on 12/1/00; 1/3 on 12/1/01; and 1/3 on 12/01/02.
- 5. Stock option is exercisable: 1/3 on 12/11/99; 1/3 on 12/11/00; and 1/3 on 12/11/01.
- 6. Stock option is exercisable: 1/3 on 12/16/98; 1/3 on 12/16/99; and 1/3 on 12/16/00.

By: Jennifer L. Usher, by
Power of Atty. For: Mark E. 12/16/2003
Howell

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- $^{\star}$  If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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